

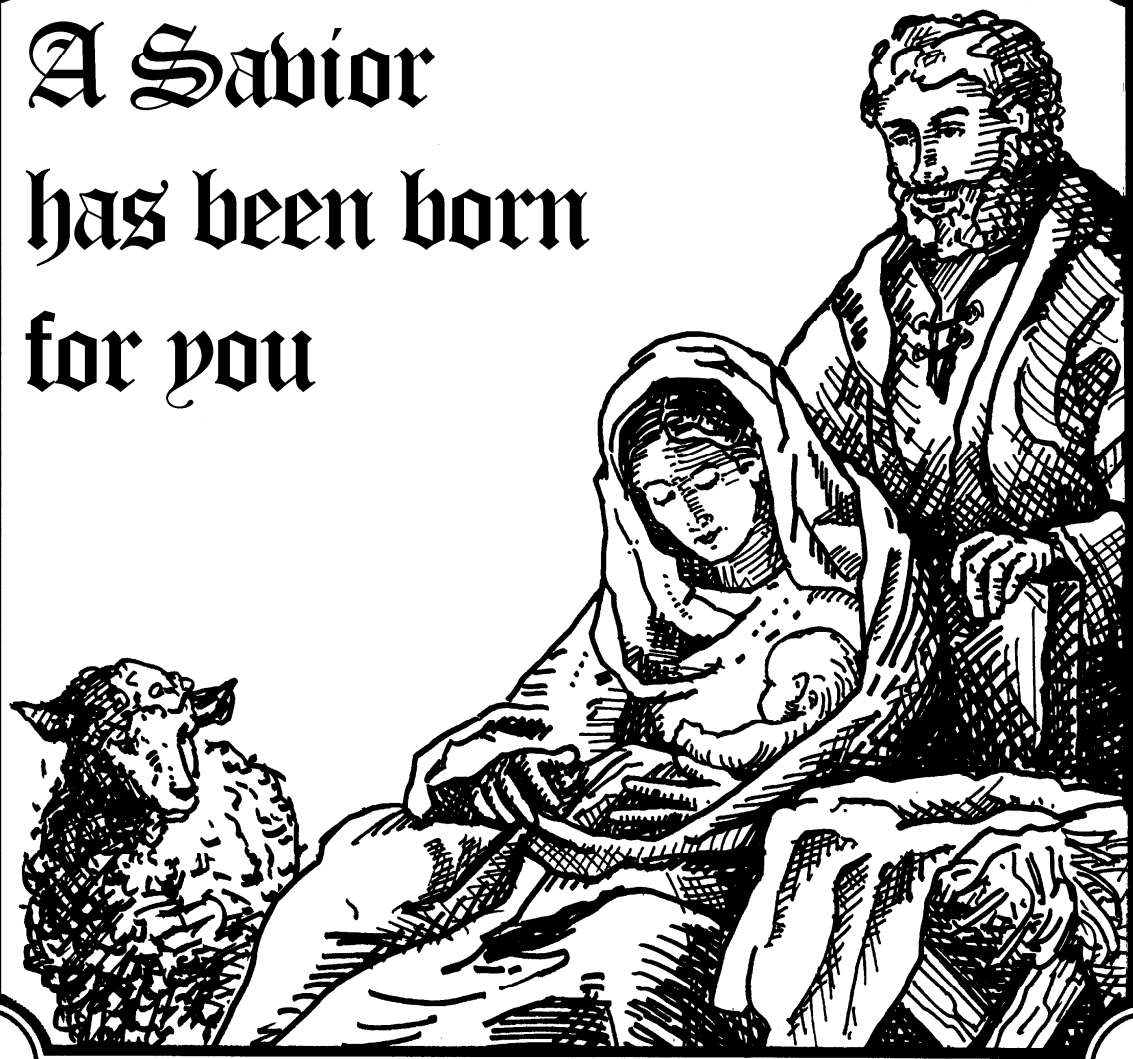
Nativity of the Lord
December 25th, 2011

The Church of Our Lady of Mercy

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**A Savior
has been born
for you**



I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Happy and Holy Christmas and a very Happy and Holy New Year! I'd also like to thank all the parishioners who gifted the priests with cards, gifts, cookies, etc. We enjoyed all the gifts very much! I'd also like to thank Larry Harris for the extraordinary gift of the music he provided over Christmas. He had over 60 in the orchestra at Midnight Mass and they were heavenly! Larry had to do most of the Christmas Masses by himself. Thanks to the choirs, the servers, the lectors, Eucharistic ministers, Mass coordinators and ushers who all made the Masses so beautiful. Also, thanks to the Art and Environment Committee for the great job they did with the flowers and decorations. Thanks to all for giving such a beautiful gift to the Lord! And don't forget that Christmas season doesn't end until January 8th. Please celebrate the whole season and continue to let the Lord into our hearts and lives. May God grow in your hearts always!

Evangelization has always been the mission of the Catholic Church. The call to evangelize first given to us by Christ requires that we proclaim the Word of God using every means of communication. In the church today using the media has become indispensable in bringing the Gospel message into the world through the internet, radio and television. Beginning December 16th and running through January 8th there will be a national campaign reaching every U.S. Diocese using advertisements that invite Catholics to come home. Here at Our Lady of Mercy Parish, all parishioners are encouraged to take part in this evangelization effort in three simple ways: 1.) When you see someone new or unfamiliar at Mass, introduce yourself and welcome them to our parish; 2.) The ads on TV may result in unexpected conversations about the Catholic faith. When someone talks to you about the ads, listen carefully to their interests in the Catholic faith. You might invite them to join you for Mass if they don't have a home parish; 3.) If you know someone who is Catholic and no longer attends Mass, invite them to come home for the holidays! In these three simple ways you continue the mission that Jesus gave to all his followers, "Go therefore, and make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19).

Helping Our Neighbor in Need - Job Ministry is attempting to use the networking abilities of our working parishioners to find job opportunities for the unemployed and the under-employed in Our Lady of Mercy Parish. People rarely find jobs on electronic job boards or in the newspapers. Jobs are found by people telling people about new or open positions. If you are working, many of us, even though not the owner or hiring manager of a business, have the ability to help our out-of-work neighbor. Simply by being added to our list of parishioners as a resource, you would occasionally be asked via e-mail if you know of any positions in your company for an unemployed parishioner. We would ask you to talk to the parishioner and point them in the right direction. Please contact Jim Gamache at jbgamache@comast.net.

Have a great week!

Peace,



THE GIFT OF GOD'S WORD

On this day of gifts and gift-giving, it seems appropriate that we take a moment to reflect on the great gift of God's Word. Because it is creative, God's Word always points to its author, always calls us to respond. Because it is powerful, God's Word can link the sublime with the ridiculous, the transcendent with the immanent, the divine with the human. Because it is graceful, God's Word establishes a relationship of deep intimacy between us and God.

At the heart of God's Word lies a tantalizing tension between the mysterious and the mundane. In our liturgical celebration, this unresolved tension both reveals the meaning of life for us and calls us to respond, to act upon that meaning.

Once accepted and opened, the gift of God's Word is a gift that keeps on giving and keeps on calling us to give in return. It dares us to be like the gift-giver and to become gifts for others, not only at Christmas, but at every moment of life.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Mt 2:13-18
- Thursday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
- Friday: Sir 3:2-7, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Col 3:12-21 [12-17] or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19; Lk 2:22-40 [22, 39-40]
- Saturday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Jn 1:1-18
- Sunday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21

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*I wait for
the Lord...
and in His word
I hope.*



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Mass Intentions



Octave of Christmas

MONDAY, December 26th

8:00 AM—†Mary T. Cullotta (Kirschner & Lewis Families)

8:00 AM—

TUESDAY, December 27th

8:00 AM—†Arthus & Priscilla Schappell (Pat Steinbrecher)

8:00 AM—

WEDNESDAY, December 28th

8:00 AM—†Barbara DeZellar

8:00 AM—†Ed & Rita Falk (Joe & Carol Kiebles)

THURSDAY, December 29th

8:00 AM—†Rose Saunders (Jean King)

8:00 AM—†Catherine Welch (Patricia Feinberg & Family)

FRIDAY, December 30th

8:00 AM—†Karin Lange (Family)

8:00 AM—

SATURDAY, December 31st

8:00 AM—*Word with Communion Service*

(Preceded by Morning Prayer & followed by Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

Blessed Virgin Mary, The Mother of God

SATURDAY, December 31st

4:00 PM—†Catherine Vercillo (Roland Vercillo)

4:00 PM—Int. of Praveen & Margaret's Family

SUNDAY, January 1st

7:30 AM—†Marie Klasinski

7:30 AM—

9:00 AM—†Victoria Tiu Lo (Elizabeth Lo)

9:00 AM—Int. of Sarah, Jude & Anne Praveen

10:45 AM—

10:45 AM—Int. of Sarah, Jude & Anne Praveen

12:30 PM—

12:30 PM—†Bob Johnson

5:30 PM—

5:30 PM— Parishioners of OLM

We remember in prayer those in service to our country

FSO John Salata, U.S. Aid
 Cpl. Neal Murray, US Army
 Lt. Brian Meagher, USAF
 Sr. Chief David R. Jacobsen, USN
 PV2 Daniel Rehmer, US Army
 Jake Sesemann, US Marines
 PFC Misha Schroeder, US Army
 Spec. Alex Teckenbrock, US Army
 Capt. David Zyga, USMC
 Lt. Col. Gary Smith, US Army
 Capt. Craig Falk, U.S. Army
 PFC AnnMari Verchoore, Nat'l Guard
 SPC Brock Rozner, Nat'l Guard
 Tech. Sgt. Raymond Warman, USAF
 Colonel Jay Gordon Flowers
 LTC Jeff Becker, IL Army Nat'l Guard
 MA1 Timothy Stroupe US Navy
 1st LT Joseph Zito, USAF
 Major Steven Quick, USAF
 Staff Sgt. Scott Kearse, USAF
 1st LT Christopher Sherwood, USMC
 SO1 Eduardo D Valadez US Navy
 Cpl. Ryan Harding, Army
 Pvt. James Hagerty III, US ArmySGT
 Mark Bachleda, US Army

1st LT Kathleen G. Bikus, US Army
 Major Scott Bradley, Air Force
 SSGT Ben Carandang, US Army
 SPC Paul Darren G. Del Rosario - Army
 Airman Carlos J. Gonzalez, Air Force
 Sgt. Frank Giuseffi
 1st LT Timothy M. Hogan, US Army
 Fireman Brian Hunt, Coast Guard
 Russell Houston - US Army
 Sgt. Alan Jadeo Jimenez, US Army
 SPC Jonathan Jimenez, US Army
 Cpt. Scott Kelly, USMC
 PFC Sean Kendall, US Army
 Staff Sgt Robert J. Landeck, USAF
 LC Daniel McGuane, USMC
 LC Ernesto Ochoa, USMC Reserves
 ET1 Vincent Pisciotto, Navy
 Major William N. Pigott, Jr., USMC
 Roberto Ramos, Army
 Tony Shrout
 Sgt. Alan Untalan—US Army
 Sgt. Mitchell Watts, US Army
 Private James Weinhold, US Army
 PFC Daniel Wilcox, Army
 Airman Michael A. Scarlata, Air Force
 Airman Lily M. Gonzalez, Air Force
 1st LT Dan Koban, US Army
 Anthony Alberto Llanes Navarro, USMC

BLESSED SACRAMENT CHAPEL LAMPS

Votive lamps will burn this week before the Blessed Sacrament for the following intentions:

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| 1. Charles & Sophia Martin | 9. For World Peace |
| 2. The Lonely & Depressed | 10. Those in Need of Healing |
| 3. The Sick & the Elderly | 11. For the Homebound |
| 4. For the Unemployed | 12. For the Unborn |
| 5. For Renewed Faith | 13. Private Intention |
| 6. Those Serving Our Country | 14. For the Homeless |
| 7. Healing for Mike | 15. Special Intention |
| 8. In Memory of
Baby Benjamin | 16. In Loving Memory
of Anna Catherine |

If you wish to have a candle burning for your intention in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel, you will find envelopes on the shelf in the Narthex near the Priest's Sacristy or in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel.

Living Stewardship Now

Christmas in the Church's calendar is a season that starts on Christmas Day and continues until the Baptism of the Lord on the first Sunday after January 6.

Try extending your celebration through that time, with small gifts and good deeds of your choosing.

We pray for our sick, confined and their families

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| Elizabeth Danner | Kim Whitehouse | Justin Butterfield |
| Mary Katzberg | Chip Wagner | Lana Larkin |
| Patrick Hayes | Linda Such | Robert Manning |
| Ronald Cole | Edward Schmidt | Rita Sanders |
| Willard Morse | R.M. Peters | Dolores Pones |
| Aprill Elston | Margaret Pistulka | Diana Decker |
| Mark Szachnitowski | Bob Steffy | Kelly Tyrrel |
| Phyllis Crawford | Meredith Mangold | Donna McMenamin |
| Ron Kramer | Mary Pope | Sean O'Sullivan |
| Carmencita Pesch | Kelli Homan | Fred Rasmason |
| Rodolfo Gamaro | Lee Quick | Dan Hardtke |
| Debra Fenn | John Coon | Luis Martinez |
| Patrick Gaffney | Beatriz Dillman | Kimberly Johnson |
| Debi Surlas | Ray Udvare | Christy Goldhagen |
| Emily McKenna | Jill Donlan | Jenna McKeown |
| Jim Gullen | Emily Campos | Modris Skuja |
| Tom Phalin | Nancy Beijer | Virginia Husko |
| Jim Donnelly | Janice Meisch | Regie Trasca |
| Genevieve Donnelly | Janis Taylor | Laura Marx |
| Madonna Wasz | Diane Picciuolo | John Dodd |
| Judith Wodarczyk | Darlene Maart | Mary Lee Tomsa |
| Julia Schrepf | Alfonso Ramirez, Sr. | Paris Strickland |
| Linette Rubey | Mildred Oakley | Mark Hoeksema |
| Adam Peters | Sherry Connell | |

Please note:

Due to the government legislation regarding patient privacy, names of people to be prayed for at Mass or in the Bulletin can be listed only if that person, or in the case of their incapacitation, the person delegated to their medical care, calls to give permission.

In an effort to keep our prayer list current, names will be listed for ten weeks before being removed. Please advise the parish office (630-851-3444, ext. 221) of anyone to be added or of anyone who has recovered or improved and can be removed from the prayer list. Our Lady of Mercy continues to pray for all sick and suffering, even if unable to list by name.

The 12 Days of Christmas

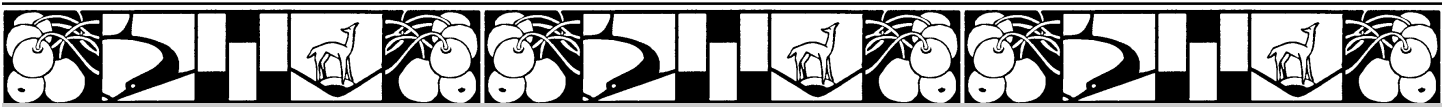
In England, between 1558 and 1829, it was illegal for Catholics to practice their faith. Being a Catholic was considered a criminal act. 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' was written in England at this time. In the carol, the days represent special symbols and have hidden meanings, because it was illegal to have anything in writing that would indicate that you were a Catholic. The 12 Days of Christmas refer to the twelve day period that starts with Christmas day and ends on Epiphany (6th January). The song begins, On the first day of Christmas my true love gave to me... The 'true love' was meant to represent God, the true love of the world. The 'me' in the carol is the Christian man or woman who receives these presents.

The meanings given to the 12 Days are:

- * The 'partridge in a pear tree' is Jesus who died on the cross. In ancient times a partridge was often used as mythological symbol of a divine, sacred king.
- * The 'two turtle doves' are the Old and New Testaments of the Bible - another gift from God. Doves also symbolize peace.
- * The 'three French hens' are faith, hope and love - the three gifts of the Holy Spirit. The French hens can also represent the Holy Trinity.
- * The 'four calling birds' are the four Gospels in the New Testament of the Bible.
- * The 'five golden rings' are the first five books of the Bible.
- * The 'six geese a-laying' are the six days of creation.
- * The 'seven swans a swimming' are the seven gifts of the Holy Spirit.
- * The 'eight maids a milking' are the eight beatitudes, Jesus' teachings on happiness.
- * The 'nine ladies dancing' are nine fruits of the Holy Spirit.
- * The 'ten lords a-leaping' are the Ten Commandments in the Bible.
- * The 'eleven pipers piping' are the eleven faithful disciples of Jesus.
- * The 'twelve drummers drumming' were the twelve points of the Apostles' Creed.

If you were to receive all the presents in the song, you'd get 364!

Saturday, Dec. 31 Fr. Tomy 4:00 PM Mass	Sunday, Jan. 1 Benedictine 7:30 AM Mass	Sunday, Jan. 1 Benedictine 9:00 AM Mass	Sunday, Jan. 1 Fr. Fullmer 10:45 AM Mass	Sunday, Jan. 1 Fr. Fullmer 12:30 PM Mass	Sunday, Jan. 1 Fr. Tomy 5:30 PM Mass
		Children's Liturgy NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY	Children's Liturgy NO CHILDREN'S LITURGY		
Eucharistic Minister Chovancak, Mike Cuartero, Maria Gray, Cathy Hartdegen, Suzanne Kramer, Barb Boeding, Judy Nieweglowski, Beth O'Neill, Elisa O'Neill, John	Eucharistic Minister Simaytis, Venetia Viola, Marilee Williams, Betty Boe, Doris Grier, Carolyn Johnsen, Theresa Piriano, Julie	Eucharistic Minister Capristo, Bart Lorch, Al Miller, Amy Murphy, Dora Murphy, Michael Norville, Ann Norville, James Rolando, Rose Straughn, Michael	Eucharistic Minister Ramirez, Bonnie Sanchez, Erendira Santos, Ariel Santos, Maria Teresa Sosnowski, Mary Stone, Ann Marie Wiacek, Bridget Wiacek, Joe Alcala, Sharon	Eucharistic Minister Harris, Kim Indad, Oscar Kieta, Christine Gonzalez, Edda Herzog, John	Eucharistic Minister Frech, John Agcaoili, Cloty Carson, Rose Mary Fernandez, Sharon Pellegrini, Robert Reinhardt-Kern, Jan Santos, Charie Zehnal, Karen
Greeter Pylar-Kellerman Family	Greeter Johnsen Family	Greeter Eickhoff Family	Greeter Abdoo, Joe	Greeter Saraceni, Luchie	Greeter Zehnal Family
Lector Kramer, Barb Nieweglowski, Stan	Lector Jenkins, Andrew Johnsen, Theresa	Lector Coit, Mike Cronin, Lisa	Lector Gross, Nancy Herrerea-Zavala, Lisa	Lector Kieta, Christine Sabio, Peter	Lector Leazzo, Tony Lickeig, Chris
Senior Server Chovancak, Nicolet	Senior Server Melone, Ryan	Senior Server Matsie, Gina	Senior Server Santos, Migel	Senior Server Santos, Jodie	Senior Server Zehnal, Henry
Server George, Ryan Jaska, Marissa	Server Cordero, Jessica Ritko-Siros, Treven	Server Gruman, Katie Maxwell, Alan	Server Origel, Christina Davis, Jacqueline	Server Saraceni, Ashley Tan, Jockson	Server Zehnal, Charles Calicdan, Chiara
Usher Nieweglowski, Stan Brogan, Mike Hennessy, Jim Kellermann, Kim	Usher Cronin, Dan Johnsen, Frank Shea, John Simaytis, Venetia	Usher Harrison, Mike Peluse, Mike Baibak, John Boe, Jamie	Usher Davis, Joseph Del Rosario, RB Del Rosario, Rj Franzone, Kaitlyn	Usher Rechenmacher, Jim Acevedo, Louis Orig, Frances Sabio, Peter	



PARISH SACRIFICIAL GIVING
Fiscal Year-to-Date Information (as of 12/11/11)

Actual Year-to-Date Collections:	\$ 571,734	12/11/11 Sunday Collection:	\$ 28,140
Fiscal Year-to-Date Budget:	\$ 664,800	Weekly Sunday Goal:	\$ 27,700
Amount Short of Budget:	\$ (93,066)	Amount in Excess of Goal:	\$ 440
Immaculate Conception Collection:		\$ 3,034	
Retired Religious Collection:		\$ 6,408	

Senior Gems:

Wishing you all a blessed Christmas and a New Year filled with Peace and Love!

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January 1st

- The Sunday Nursery will not be open
- There will be no Children's Liturgy of the Word.

***Christmas Week
 Parish Office Hours***

Offices & PLC - CLOSED

Friday, December 30th
 Monday, January 2nd

Parish Office will be open

8:15 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

December 26th, Monday
 December 27th, Tuesday
 December 28th, Wednesday
 December 29th, Thursday

**Normal business hours
 (8:00am-4:30pm)**

resume Tuesday, January 3rd

Save The Date!!



Friday, January 13th

**Family Movie Night
 & Picnic in the PLC**

Showing of the Disney Pixar Movie
"Cars 2"

Mini-burgers & hot dogs will be served
 beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Tickets will be on sale
 next weekend after all Masses



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The end of the year is quickly approaching. If you will be away over the holidays, please be sure your contributions are received at the parish office by December 29th or post-marked by December 31st to be reflected on the year-end statements. Please note—the offices will be closed December 30th and 31st.

Remember to use your offering envelopes or note your personal ID number on your check to ensure proper credit is given.

Let Us Live Christmas Every Day

by Helen Steiner Rice



Christmas is more than a day
at the end of the year.
More than a season
of joy and good cheer,

Christmas is really
God's pattern for living
To be followed all year
by unselfish giving . . .

For the holiday season
awakens good cheer
And draws us closer
to those we hold dear,

And we open our hearts
and find it is good
To live among men
as we always should . . .

But as soon as the tinsel
is stripped from the tree
The spirit of Christmas
fades silently

Into the background
of daily routine
And is lost in the whirl
of life's busy scene,

And all unawares
we miss and forego
The greatest blessing
that mankind can know . . .

For if we lived Christmas
each day, as we should,
And made it our aim
to always do good,

We'd find the lost key
to meaningful living
That comes not from getting
but from unselfish giving . . .

And we'd know the great joy
of peace upon earth
Which was the real purpose
of our Savior's birth.

For in the glad tidings
of the first Christmas night
God showed us the way
and the truth and the light!



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Are you willing to make each day Christmas in your life? Do you ask what you can do for others? Christmas is a time to celebrate God's love. It is a time to practice selflessness, humility, hope, love, generosity, and kindness. May your heart be filled with the gifts of Christmas – peace, joy and love every day.

Merry Christmas from Jolene LeRoy, RN, your parish nurse.

ON BEING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS

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Depending on the artist you choose, you'll find slightly different renditions of the seasonal classic, "I'll Be Home for Christmas," but the words are all pretty much the same, and the sentiment is similarly heartfelt year after year. In shortened form, here's the Michael Buble version, and I encourage you to sing along--or at least hum along--as you consider the lyrics: *I'm dreaming tonight of a place I love/ Even more than I usually do/ And although I know it's a long road back/ I promise you...I'll be home for Christmas/ You can count on me/ Please have snow and mistletoe/ And presents by the tree... Christmas Eve will find me/ Where the love light gleams/ I'll be home for Christmas/ If only in my dreams.*

They say you can never go home again, but at Christmas, where else is there? My mother's been gone for over fifteen years now, and my father for over ten, but I recall at this time of year how I always, *always* made it home to Streator for the Holy Day. Mom had her pies waiting, the pies I grew up with. Dad shook my hand with his rock-solid grip and asked, "How was the traffic, John?" but I could tell that deep down he was just happy to have his family at the kitchen table again. And now I take joy in having my own children together with my wife and me for Christmas. But if what I read or heard somewhere once is true--if the ultimate goal of all human activity is happiness at home--then where does that leave the people who have no place to go home *to*?

My mother-in-law passed away in January, and while my wife and the family are celebrating Christmas at Shirley-Mom's house, none of us are really going home because the woman who made it so won't be serving up her laughter and cranberry sauce. Fire gutted a friend's house earlier this year. Larry and his family--people of faith--will have a merry Christmas, I'm sure, but they won't be home until 2012. And taking all of this to the extreme, think about, and pray for, the people of Joplin who lost their homes to a tornado in May, and the Gulf coast residents who are still displaced by Rita and Katrina. As Dylan sang it (in the antithesis of "I'll be Home for Christmas"): "How does it feel/ to be without a home/ like a complete unknown/ like a rolling stone?"

People dying and dwellings burning and natural disasters are nothing new, of course. They happen now, and they were happening millenniums ago. But millenniums ago, something else was happening, too. Something that brings all of us home, regardless of circumstance. I like Luke's version best: the child in the manger, the shepherds in the field, the angel bearing good news: "For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord." We've secularized Christmas plenty since then--and I like all of the lights and ornaments as much as the next guy--but per Emerson, "The ornament of the house is the friends who frequent it." Whether we're home or not this day, our ornament of Love remains brilliant, eternal, divine. Merry Christmas.

HELPING OUR NEIGHBOR IN NEED JOB MINISTRY

It's soon the New Year – make a resolution to help someone!

Our job ministry needs business professionals who know of jobs and are willing to use their networking contacts to help our unemployed parishioners.

Many parishioners are out of work. Your personal effort to make a call, offer an introduction, or provide application guidance can make the difference for someone in our parish.

Please consider giving the gift of yourself. You can help someone recapture hopes and dreams for the future.

Please contact
Christine Kieta at Christine.Kieta@gmail.com or
Damien Kelly at damiengkelly@yahoo.com or
Jim Gamache at jbgamache@comcast.net

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<u>In Memory/ Honor of...</u>	<u>With Love From...</u>	<u>In Memory/Honor of...</u>	<u>With Love From...</u>
John Deane	Diane Pazos	Joseph Salata	LeRoy Family
Cathy Grodsky	Diane Pazos	Jeanne LeRoy	LeRoy Family
Mary Jane & Chad Helmuth	Diane Naimark	Milton LeRoy	LeRoy Family
Henry Zielazny	Mary Zielazny	Simonek & Partyka Families	Ray & Dolores Simonek
Teodora Fargaragan	Rowena Mahaney	Jenna Felix Tolentino	Jennifer Tolentino
Edith & Joseph Tobias	Rowena Mahaney	Dyonizy Trytek	John Trytek
Mary Ellen Jordan	Robert Jordan	Brooke Lopez	Adolfo Lopez
Thomas Ward	Alice Ward & Family	M/M Salvador Corralejo	J. Adame
Sheen & Sharp Families	Terry & Mary Jane Sheen	Victoria Tiu Lo	Elizabeth Lo
Sue Edwards	Roxy & Steve Kuhlmann Fam.	Abt Family	Deacon & Mrs. Bob Vavra
Joanne Kellermann	Kim & Darlene Kellermann	Vavra Family	Deacon & Mrs. Bob Vavra
Special Intention	Renee & Joe Dyja & Family	Family	Donna Loquercio
Jo Skill	Tom & Liane Skill	Dorothy Maher	Ed & Ginny Maher
Tracie & Terry Neary	Tom & Liane Skill	Carmen Verde	M/M Francis Verde
Amerina & Alceste Pieri	Ida Phillips	M/M Vincenzo Scifo	Madeline A. Scifo
Deceased Family	M/M Guy Graziano	Salvatore Scifo	Marie Gajda
Lena Yannuzzo	Rose & Jim Fisher	M/M Albert Scifo	Marie Gajda
Al Yannuzzo	Rose & Jim Fisher	Bruce Carlson	Pat Carlson Schoppe
Charles & Virginia Pall	The Zook Family	Robert Schoppe	Pat Carlson Schoppe
Mary & Ray Kramer	Barbara Kramer	Pete Peebles	Pam Walczak
The Berg Family	Carl & Paulette Berg	Jackie Dodaro	Pam Walczak
The Glaude Family	Carl & Paulette Berg	Pearl & Louis Stroh	Pam Walczak
Todd Downiny	Eric & Amber Hedrick	Bobby Walczak	Pam Walczak
Robert Hedrick	Eric & Amber Hedrick	Helen & Henry Walczak	Pam Walczak
Lori Kenealy	Lisa & Jim Gruman	Raymond Kirchner	Cluver Family
Ray & Barb Zawacki	Georgene Ponstein	Mary Jane Kirchner	Cluver Family
Florence Carter	John & Carol Shea Family	Dr. Arthur L. McAuliffe, Jr.	John & Maureen Clark Family
Joseph F. Biondo	John & Carol Shea Family	Pascuala DeJesus	Amelia M. Nauguit
Mildred Muller	John & Carol Shea Family	William & Mary Glynn	Mary Williams
James Joseph Shea	John & Carol Shea Family	Benjamin DeYoung	Beltz Family
Eileen V. Shea	John & Carol Shea Family	Lois Manning	Laurie & Tom Donlan Family
Wayne Leckey	From His Children	Walter Madryk	Madryk Family
Ralph Scott	From His Children	Thomas Gallagher	Madryk Family
Michael Thomas	Mary F. Zielazny	William Broadt	Debbie Lapato
Helen Thomas	Mary F. Zielazny	Sue Broadt	Debbie Lapato
Carmella Zielazny	Mary F. Zielazny	Elmer Poncheri	Debbie Lapato
Catherine Dodd	The Dodd Family	Kimberly Lasavage	Debbie Lapato
Pacana / Salvador Family	Susana P. Salvador		
Gardaphe & Gardner Family	M/M William Gardaphe		
Cesar Sugay			
Jesus & Hilaria Era			
Tranquilino R. Sebastian	Imelda S. Brink		
Francisca T. Sebastian	Imelda S. Brink		
Angelita S. Curtoni	Imelda S. Brink		
Salvador Lintag	Imelda S. Brink		
Dec'd Members Lammers Fam.	Betty Williams		
Dec'd Members Smith Fam.	Betty Williams		



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John Kinney	Tom & Joan Campion	Robert H. Weaver	Lillian Weaver
O'Neill Campion	Tom & Joan Campion	Mark S. Weaver	Lillian Weaver
Catherine Campion	Tom & Joan Campion	Robert H. Weaver	Keith Weaver
Charles & Carrie Hamman	Louise Easton	Mark S. Weaver	Keith Weaver
Al & Barbara Hamman	Louise Easton	John & Rosemary Watters	Maureen & Scott Strobl
Richard Easton	Louise Easton	Eufemia & Victor Ramos	Diana Pacheco
Jim & Rose Fisher	Dietz Family	Stanley Kerkla	Carolyn Kerkla
Laverne Rolando	Rose Rolando	Sophie Kerkla	Carolyn Kerkla
Vera Rolando	Rose Rolando	Richard Palcu	Carolyn Kerkla
Elonda Martin	Rose Rolando	Mary Cullotta	Art & Angie Biegel
Robert Kosman	Nancy Rozner	Simplicio Naguit	Amelia M. Naguit
Bernice Kosman	Nancy Rozner	Gorgonia Naguit	Amelia M. Naguit
Jose Chavez Nava	Josefina Chavez	Edward Orlandi	Mary Lou Orlandi
Dennis Crowe	Greg & Susan Kranz Family	Mark Orlandi	Mary Lou Orlandi
All Deceased Family Members	Barb & Bill Jesse	Lila Alen Lundt	Hope & Jason Lundt
Scott Chase	Michelle Chase Hardin	M/M George Crown	M/M George Durante
Charles Miller	Michelle Chase Hardin	Vincent A. Schmidt	Bernadette O. Schmidt
Catherine Vercillo	Roland Vercillo	Olga Vieyra	Mike & Sylvia Jazo
Mary Tobin	Kreppert Family	Larry Jazo	Mike & Sylvia Jazo
Mary Ann Goff	Kreppert Family		
Margaret Carrico	Kreppert Family		
Gary Goff	Kreppert Family		



10 Great Dates to Energize Your Marriage Progressive Dinner

Saturdays, January 14 and February 11, 2012
5:00-8:00pm in the OLM Parish Life Center

"You will love growing together while going out together."

-John Gray (Author of *Men Are from Mars, Women Are from Venus*)

Remember back to your dating days—the excitement you felt? Now you can reclaim that same spark, connection, and creativity in your marriage through ten intentional, memory-making dates. This proven approach to relationship growth is low-key, purposeful, effective, easy, and fun and will help you:

- * Communicate better
- * Put the sizzle back in your love life
- * Process anger and resolve conflicts
- * Develop spiritual intimacy
- * Appreciate your differences
- * Balance busy lifestyles
- * And much more!



Enjoy your dates alone as a couple, but with the fellowship of other parishioners at OLM on **January 14th** **and February 11th**. Dinner is included and babysitting is also provided! You have NO EXCUSES to enjoy your spouse and get out of the house! This is a program from authors David and Claudia Arp, and is a "husband-friendly" program!

We will meet in two sessions, dates 1-5 will be on **January 14th**, dates 6-10 will be **February 11th** in the PLC. A progressive dinner will be provided. If you have special dietary restrictions or concerns, please note that when you register, along with babysitting needs.

**Please register for the program by contacting Bruce and Jackie Boos
at jsv43@yahoo.com or call at 630-898-1419.**



**SENIOR HIGH
YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**
For High School teens (Grades 9-12)

All high school teens are invited to attend the Chicago Ice Skating trip on December 28th. Contact the YM office ASAP to sign-up!

The winter session of LIGHT begins the week of January 22nd. It's not too late to sign up for a mini-course or faith elective. An updated course guide can be found at www.olmyouthmistry.weebly.com



The EDGE (Gr. 6-8)
EDGE Ice Skating

Ready for some fun? We'll join us at All Seasons' Ice Rink on North Aurora Road on Thursday, December 29th from 11:30 AM to 1 PM for open skate. Cost? \$6.00 including skate rentals or you may bring your own skates (cost is still \$6.) Bring friends too. Please use the forms available on line or in front of the RE Office. Each teen needs a permission form unless they are from the same family. We need to stick to the deadline of the 26th. Cash only when you turn in forms, no checks. See you all there!

PARISH STAFF:**Fr. Hugh Fullmer, Pastor, ext 228****Fr. Tomy Chellakandathil C.M.I., ext. 229**Deacon Bob Vavra, *Permanent Deacon, ext 230*Deacon Phil Rehmer, *Permanent Deacon,*
*email: deaconphil@rehmer.com*Deacon Tim Kueper, *Permanent Deacon, ext 236*Deacon Art Tionsgson, *Permanent Deacon, ext 231*Janice Cain, *Business Manager, ext 223*Jolene LeRoy, RN, *Parish Nurse, ext 403*Larry Harris, *Music & Liturgy, ext 243*Phyllis Anderson, *Liturgy,**email: phyllisa@olmercy.com*Mary Dunbar, *Parish Secretary,**Bulletin Editor, Weddings, ext 221*Diane Reiter, *Business Office Support**Baptisms, Parish Life Campaign, ext 235***Religious Education:**Deacon Tim Kueper, *Director of Religious Ed.,*
*ext 236, email: tkueper5@yahoo.com*Dave Miserendino, *Director of Youth & Young Adult*
*Ministry, ext 225*Candy Rice, *Middle School Youth Ministry Coordinator*Jean Rehmer, *Religious Education Secretary Grades*
*6-12 & RCIA, ext 232*Cheryl Lohse, *Religious Education Secretary Grades*
*K-5 & RCIC, ext 222***R.E. Absentee Reporting Voicemail, ext 201****FAX NUMBER: 630-851-3468****St. Vincent de Paul Society, ext. 400****PARISH OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Friday: *8:30am to 4:30pm***WEEKEND MASSES:**

Sat. 4:00p; Sun. 7:30a, 9:00a, 10:45a, 12:30p, 5:30p

DAILY MASSES:

Monday-Friday 8:00a (Rosary after Daily Mass)

SATURDAY COMMUNION SERVICE: 8:00a (Morning Prayer)**HOLY DAY MASSES:**

Generally celebrated at 7pm evening prior; 8am and 7pm the day of.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:

Saturday 3:00-3:45pm; Reconciliation services held seasonally.

SICK AND HOMEBOUND

Contact the Parish Office so we may help you in any way possible.

HOSPITALIZATION: If you anticipate a hospitalization or are admitted to an area hospital and would like a visit from a priest or Eucharistic Minister, please notify the parish office.**BAPTISMS:** Registered parishioners wishing their child baptized must attend a parent meeting held the 3rd Wednesday of each month. Parents do not need to attend the class for subsequent children. Baptisms are held at 12 noon the first Saturday of the month and at 2:00 p.m. the second and third Sundays. Baptisms are not conducted during Lent. Please call Diane Reiter, ext. 235 to register for the class and to choose a Baptism date.**WEDDINGS:** The bride, groom or either set of parents must be registered members of the parish. Weddings may be scheduled no less than six months out in order to fulfill the diocesan marriage preparation requirements. Contact Mary Dunbar, ext. 221.**NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome you! Please register by attending our "New Parishioner Registration/Welcoming" meeting the last Sunday of the month at 11:00 a.m. For more info call: 851-3444, ext. 221.

HOSPITALITY

"Hospitality" weekend is held in the Parish Life Center Multi Purpose Room after evening Mass on Saturday, as well as after Sunday morning and evening Masses on the last full weekend of each month (excluding December).